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DWC Posts Adjustment to Official Medical Fee Schedule (Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Section)

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted an adjustment to the pathology and clinical laboratory section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to the 2018 changes in the Medicare payment system, as required by Labor Code section 5307.1.

The public should take note that the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule methodology has changed for the 2018 update. Due to changes in federal law, the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for 2018 is based upon data establishing weighted median private payor rates, and “crosswalking” or gap-filling where private payor rates are not available. The new methodology does not use geographic adjustments.

The order adopting the updated 2018 Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule is effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2018 and can be found on the [DWC website](#).

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